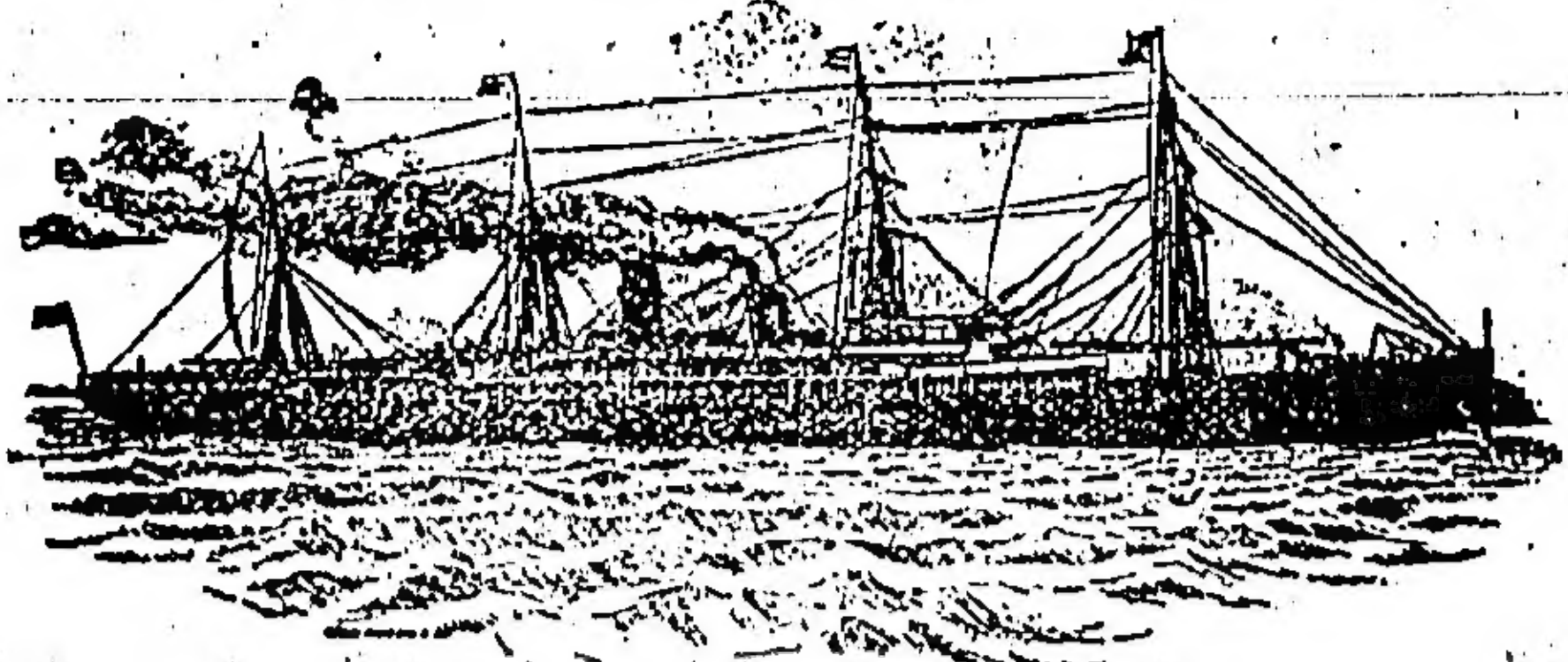


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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CITY OF PEKING"	SATURDAY, 22nd August, at Noon.
"DORIC"	TUESDAY, 1st September, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	TUESDAY, 8th September, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	WEDNESDAY, 16th September, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	SATURDAY, 20th September, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	SATURDAY, 3rd October, at Noon.
"KOREA"	TUESDAY, 13th October, at Noon.
"GAEIL"	TUESDAY, 20th October, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 28th October, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKO-
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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchants' Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1903.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 26th August.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 23rd September.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 7th October.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN"	5,821	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 30th December.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 Hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SITHONIA	HAVRE, ANTWERP, and HAMBURG.	29th August.
Hildebrandt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	Freight.
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	12th Sept.
Mayer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG)	Freight and Passengers.
ANALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	23rd Sept.
von Dohren	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	Freight.
ABESSINIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th October.
Filler	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG)	Freight.
ARABIA	NEW YORK	20th August.
Bahle	Via SUEZ CANAL	Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 12th August, 1903.

Shipping Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST-RENT STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. CANTON AND MACAO
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"KINSHAN," "J. J. Lassius.
Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON, about 7 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at about 5 P.M. (Sunday excepted) at about 8 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5.30 P.M.
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S.S. "LUNGSHAN," Captain H. D. Jones.
This steamer leaves Canton for Hongkong, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Hongkong, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at about 7.30 A.M.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Office of the

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
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THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-
year ending 30th June last, at the Rate
of ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS
STERLING per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE
on and after MONDAY, the SEVENTEENTH
DAY of AUGUST current, at the Offices of the
Corporation, where Shareholders are requested
to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [598c

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be
held in the Offices of the Company,
Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road,
MONDAY, the 24th August, at 12 o'clock,
NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts
for the year 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th
August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1903. [908c

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO.,
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OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central,
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31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the
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2. That Article No. 82 of the Articles
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not salaries of Secretary and other
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per cent. of the net profits of the
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Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed,
they will be submitted for confirmation as
SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND
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Dated this 24th day of July, 1903.

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On July 1, at St. Luke's Church, South Melbourne, Australia, by Canon Dickenson, M.A., JOSEPH WHITELEY KEW, to KUBY EVELYN, youngest daughter of the late Isaac and Edith Holt, Murtoa. (1038)

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1903.

FOOCHOW TEA TRADE.

In the latest report to the Foreign Office, Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, the English Consul at Foochow, again dwells at length upon the vanishing tea trade at that port, and urges the British merchants interested in the industry to initiate the practice of their competitors of the nearer East, by making the wares better known to possible customers by the medium of advertising. In his opinion that is the only real remedy; for a sudden change in popular taste, which should replace the teas of China on the pinnacle they once occupied would be too much of the nature of a miracle to be safely looked for. In his report for the year 1901, Mr. Playfair recommended British merchants to make a bold bid for the retention of a market which appeared to be slipping from them by imitating the tactics pursued in Ceylon and India, or at least some of them. He argued that the use of due care in the manipulation of the leaf when growing, when being picked, and when being prepared for its transit over the sea, was not exercised by the native grower, whose methods continued to be unscientific and primitive. It was, he confessed, hopeless to expect the native grower to adopt the improved methods of culture and manufacture, which, he doubts not, to be credited with the larger part of the success met with by the produce of Ceylon and Assam. The native agriculturist, he says in the latest report, is so "insanely and indissolubly wedded to the methods of his ancestors, that, even when ruin is obviously staring him in the face, he will consent to use no device which savours of novelty. The adder is not only congenitally deaf, but he stops his ears into the bargain, however wisely the European may charm. He pointed out in his 1901 report, that China tea, though its preparation leaves much, desperately much, to be desired, is in its essence an admirable article, and, thanks to its delicate flavour, can, even when handicapped by faulty manufacture, give points to the robust Indian article. Mr. Playfair believes it to be a fact that many people in the United Kingdom would distinctly prefer to drink China tea if they only knew where to buy it, but that there is only one China tea company which advertises at all. His recommendations were widely admitted to be well-grounded, and one British merchant at Foochow strove earnestly to give his abstract counsels a concrete form; but his attempts did not meet with the success he hoped and perhaps anticipated. That merchant gave the Foochow tea cart a vigorous heave, but it has sunk back into the rut, and the British Consul is afraid, it will remain "bogged." No single effort could avail, and cohesion in the Far East tea trade appears to be a hopeless consummation. The following report on the market last year was handed to Mr. Playfair by Mr. Cave-Thomas, and is included in his annual report:—"There was a falling-off in the trade to the United Kingdom and Australia, caused by the increased consumption in those countries of the teas of India and Ceylon. In this respect there appears to be no prospect of immediate improvement. In the trade with America there was a considerable increase, mainly due to a speculative demand brought about by the rescinding of the war tax of 10 c. gold per lb., but also partly to the circumstance that stocks had been allowed to fall low in anticipation of the above tax. The Russian brick tea trade is practically dead. The Russian firms at Foochow appeared at one time to be thinking of closing their establishments, but have relinquished that intention. The export duty on tea, which had pressed heavily on tea buyers for many years, and had been the cause of much complaint, was reduced to 1.25 taels per picul (i.e., about 12 per cent. ad valorem), but the concession was granted too late to check the downward tendency of the trade. The crop in 1902 was of a fair average quality, and met with a good reception from the European buyer. When the market opened the prices were slightly higher than those of 1901, but later in the year they gradually receded."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

KING Edward will shortly visit Vienna and Berlin.

At the Russian Legation all people say there will be no war. At the Japanese Legation all say that war is inevitable.

CAPTAIN Tamari, I.J.N., is attending the Naval manoeuvres now in progress at home, as a guest of Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson.

THE Shanghai Times says that a creditably reported that Russia will send a special envoy to congratulate the Empress Dowager upon her birthday in November.

It is reported that the Russian Admiral at Port Arthur has issued an order, forbidding all the Chinese women living at Port Arthur to quit the place before the 28th of next Chinese Moon (September 19).

THE P. & O. steamship Tientsin arrived at Kobe on 8th inst. from Hongkong, where a case of plague had occurred on board. The vessel was only disinfected and was placed in quarantine for ten days.

THE Rangoon Times says that there is a strong demand for rice there from Japan, and very large quantities are being shipped to Kobe and Yokohama. The price of rice has risen tremendously at Rangoon.

In presence of the results achieved in the space of three months, and with establishments altogether rudimentary, the *Courier d'Indochine* says there is room to hope that the (French) Government will interest itself in establishing a network of Chinese posts, and will not hesitate to incur the necessary expense for this purpose, which will ensure its supremacy in China.

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THE Yonolan previously reported that England and France were going in attempt, or had already attempted, arbitration between Russia and Japan in Manchuria. Our contemporary now learns that England has been trying to ascertain Japan's views with regard to Manchuria, while France is also sounding Russia, with the object of proposing to the interested Powers some suitable terms for arbitration after already ascertaining the opinions of the two Powers, but our contemporary does not affirm that arbitration has yet been proposed to Russia and Japan.

FROM the accounts that have reached us, the new trace of the Tong-King-Yunnan-sen line is much better than the original line, and moreover the total length is some 40 kilometres less, whilst gradients and curves are easier. Though the new line does not go through the heart of Meng-tze it is claimed that in many other ways it will tap a more extended commercial area. The new proposed trace will, after leaving Loo-kai, turn to the east and away from the Red river. It then follows the Nam-ti stream to its junction with the Canton river, and from there in a due northerly direction, and the west to Lake Tangtche.

THE Nagasaki Press says that several steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will shortly have their lines changed. The *Kobe Maru* will be transferred to the Vladivostok line; her place on the Shanghai line being taken by the *Yamaguchi Maru* from the Seattle service. The *Isa Maru*, withdrawn from the Vladivostok line, is to engage in the Company's coasting trade. The *Yamashiro Maru* will be made a Formosan liner in place of the *Yokohama Maru*, which is to be run to ports in North China. The *Kasuga Maru*, now on the Australian line, is expected to be made a Shanghai liner, as soon as the new Australian liner *Nikko Maru*, in course of construction at the Mitsui Bishi dockyard, is ready for sea, which is expected to be in October next.

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A CLEAN plague return reaches us from the Sanitary authorities.

GREAT excitement has been created in Madrid by the semi-official announcement from the Palace that King Alfonso XIII. is the victim of tuberculosis.

FURTHER large consignments of British dollars are being sent to Bombay from the Singapore Treasury, for the purpose of being coined into the new British dollars.

A MADRID telegram, of 14th inst., says that Admiral Cervera has resigned as Admiral of the Spanish Navy. Old age and ill health are given as the reasons.

It is expected that Messrs Richmers, of Bremen, who have put four steamers on the run between Bangkok and China, will start a Singapore line next year.

A BEIJING inventor, named A. Carela, has just constructed a new marine screw propeller which can be stopped and reversed instantly, the steam being immediately, without injuring the shaft. The first trials proved very successful.

THE S.S. *Guthrie*, which arrived from Japan this morning, reports having spoken a German steamer with yellow funnel and black top off Ocksen Island at 1.20 p.m. on the 17th August. Her name is unknown, but she signalled: "Report we all well."

THE S.S. *Mouning*, Capt. J. D. Welsh, arrived at Sandakan from Hongkong on the 25th ult. with 106 contract coolies and 145 free passengers and children and babies bringing the total up to 293 immigrants worth to Government, at the rate of \$20 per head per adult, the sum of \$5,020.

THE new cable from Batavia to Pontavik via Billiton, and from Billiton to Palembang via Binia, will be ready for shipment from London early in September, and be ready for service on 1 Jan. The length of the cable is over 650 miles. This is considered a remarkable achievement for the British contractors.

A DEATH, which was the direct result of mosquito bites, was investigated by the Stepaney corner last month. The deceased was a dock labourer, who on returning home from Tilbury dock complained that he had been bitten by an insect and was in dreadful pain. The following day he entered the infirmary, where he died from erysipelas. He had been bitten about the forehead and eyelids. "Death by misadventure" was the jury's finding.

A WUCHOW dispatch to the *N. C. D. News* states that a force of 3,000 Hunan "braves" recently attacked a body of rebels near the city of Huiyuan, and in the battle which ensued the Hunanese troops were so badly worsted that they lost not less than a tenth of their number in killed alone. The Government forces are now acting on the defensive, and it is stated will remain so until the reinforcements being hurried down South from the Yangtze provinces arrive in Kwangsi.

One more chance to buy a Kodak for \$5; a good Kodak. LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—Advt.

A TELEGRAM from Hamburg to the *Vossische Zeitung* states that, according to advices from Matupi, the captain, named Howard, and the entire crew of a British vessel, have been killed by natives of the Admiralty Islands, in the Bismarck Archipelago. After seizing arms and ammunition, the natives ran the vessel ashore. The Bismarck Archipelago is the group to the N. of E. end of New Guinea, and N. W. of the Solomon Islands. The natives practice cannibalism. The islands are in the German sphere of influence.

THE British North Borneo Gazette reports the death of Mr. G. B. Warder at Marak Park. The deceased, who was district officer at Simbang Batu, died by the hand of an escaped prisoner who waylaid him in the jungle and speared him to death on or about the 28th ult. The late Mr. Warder arrived in North Borneo in May 1901, had passed both his examinations in Malay and during his term of district work had shown himself to be a thoroughly capable officer. He was fond of field sports and was much liked by his brother officers.

ACCORDING to the *Daily Chronicle*, the action of America in annexing the islands of Borneo, raises an exceedingly delicate situation, and the British Foreign Office has asked Washington for an explanation. The islands concerned, says the paper, a group of seven which originally belonged to the Sultan of Sulu, from whom they passed by charter in 1881 to the control of the British North Borneo Company, whose officers confirm that they are undoubtedly British territory. They are insignificant in size, but of the highest strategic importance, dominating Sandakan harbor and Labrang.

A STATION for wireless telegraphy is about to be established on the Mount of Gold, near Port Arthur, for the purpose of communicating directly with the warships cruising in the Gulf of Pechin. The Fourth Trans-Amur Railway Battalion in process of formation at Askabad, on the Asian Central Asian Railway. On July 1 the First Company of the Turkistan Battalion of Sappers arrived at Askabad from Tashand by military train, as the choice of the company to be sent out to the Far East was decided by lot, and the lot fell upon the First Company. During the present year 370,832 men will be called up for service with the Russian Army for active service.

Mail your films and Kod orders to LeMunyon, P. O. B. 303.—Advt.

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T. F. French mail of the 14th July was delivered in London on the 18 inst.

Do your own developing without a dark room by using an Eastman developing machine. LeMunyon.—Advt.

THERE are stated to be seven independent post offices at Shanghai in connection with the mail boats of their respective countries.

ANOTHER successful performance of *My Friend from India* was given by the Pollards last evening. To-night they stage the ever-popular *Charley's Aunt*.

THE new comet is regarded with disfavour in Peking, as it is within the orbit of Jupiter, which is considered the Emperor of China's star, and it is thought it may mean some misfortune to him.

REPLYING to a question in the Commonwealth Senate, Mr. O'Connor, Executive Councillor without portfolio, said that the Government would take into very early consideration the question of extending an invitation to Mr. Chamberlain to visit Australia.

THE case in which two Japanese were charged, some days ago, with kidnapping and harbouring a young girl, was concluded yesterday before Mr. J. H. Kemp, when his Worship discharged the first defendant and sentenced the second to three months' hard labour.

TRAM lines are being laid near Hy View, and it would be just as well if the authorities had a few lanterns hung at night showing where the road is up. At present it is pitch dark under the trees, and as telephone standards are in the centre of the small passage left for traffic the danger is increased.

HERE is a study in natural history from the *China Times*:—"Ten thousand ducks have been sent into the fields in the district of Chinkiang for ridding the country of locusts." It is reported that the experiment has been successful and that the locusts are rapidly disappearing. So are the ducks."

NOT many days ago a certain censor handed to the Empress Dowager a sealed memorial, the contents of which so enraged the august lady, that she ordered the petitioner to be at once handed over to the Board of Punishment for a severe penalty. That censor must have said something very rude!

MR. Tokutomi, the chief-editor of the *Kokumishi Shinbun*, a semi-official organ, in his noted "Tokyo Correspondence" column of 7th inst., asserts that the Manchurian question is now a source of direct negotiations between Japan and Russia and understands that *pourparlers* have been making some progress.

Framing, fancy and artistically done by LeMunyon, 31, Des Vaux Road.—Advt.

THE following sentences were recently imposed upon Chinese at Shanghai for kidnapping: Sah Cha Ling and Sing Tah Sai to receive each two years' imprisonment; 500 blows, and 500 blows every six months during imprisonment; Lee Chun Sai to receive six months' imprisonment and 500 blows; and Wong Lee Sz, female prisoner, to receive 100 blows on the mouth.

CHOW Fu, Governor of Shanghai is in receipt of information from Fu Shan Hsien to the effect that the district in question is flooded. This means, of course, that the Yellow River, well named "China's Sorrow," has once more burst its embankments. Three thousand houses have been destroyed and some two hundred lives lost. The Governor at once wired to Li Taotai, instructing him to appoint his Wei Yuan to visit the afflicted district, and to relieve the sufferers.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers of the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme at the Kowloon Hotel, during dinner, to-morrow evening (weather permitting):
March....."Coronation March".....Saint George's Overture....."The Sapphire Necklace".....Sullivan Selection....."The Messenger Boy".....Ivan Caryll Song....."Liberated".....Caroly Kluy Selection....."Mendelssohn's Songs without words".....Yalta.....Exalt.....Renaud Serenade....."Love is Illness".....Machelt

THE exchange of telegrams sent by Government officials and by private individuals is now permitted with Peking and Tientsin by way of Chabin and Inkow, on condition that such telegrams are written in Russian. In addition to the usual charge of fifteen kopecks, per word, such telegrams will have to pay an extra rate of twenty kopecks, or fivepence, per word if handed in at telegraph offices in European Russia, and fifteen kopecks, per word if handed in at any office in Asiatic Russia. Thus, a telegram sent from Moscow to Peking will cost ninepence a word.

LATE yesterday afternoon the *Empress of Japan* came in from Northern ports, and Capt. Marshall reported that between eleven and twelve o'clock the previous night, when off Breaker Point, the Chinese cruiser *Huang Tai* collided with the liner, striking her a glancing blow on the fore end of the promenade deck, and then gliding off towards the stern. Signals of distress were hoisted, and Capt. Marshall lowered boats taking off 175 men, but it was subsequently found that 13 were missing, including Captain Kuo and others who refused to leave the ship. The *Huang Tai* sank stern foremost about 1.27 yesterday morning. The *Empress* will go into dock to-morrow, but the date of her sailing will not be altered. She sustained no external damage.

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In the House of Commons last month, Mr. Alfred Davies asked the Postmaster-General if he was aware that the Postmaster-General of the United States referred in his last annual report to the benefits of international sea post-offices and the desirability of securing the co-operation of Great Britain in extending the service to steamers under its contract; and also would he reconsider whether space and expense need be barriers to the establishment of sea post offices on the Cymard steamers, in view of the provision made on the *Deutschland* for this purpose, and the price charged. Mr. A. Chamberlain said it was under consideration.

A SCIENTIFIC and commercial expedition, authorised by the Emperor, left Siberia in June for Mongolia, where it will spend about six months, staying chiefly in the towns of Kibdo and Uliassai. Among many other objects already mentioned in our columns, the expedition will have to carry out scientific explorations, seek outlets for Russian trade, inspect the Russo-Mongolian frontier, and make investigations with regard to the projected construction of a carriage road from Kansk across Mongolia. The expedition, which is under the leadership of M. Popoff, consists of 20 men, with 50 pack-horses. The military authorities have attached to the expedition a topographer, M. Toporkoff, and the Imperial Geographical Society an eminent naturalist, M. Voroboff. The expedition will have an escort of four Cossacks, who will at the same time act as interpreters. It is organised at its own risks and perils by the commercial house of Xenophon Tchekeloff and Sons, for the purpose of ascertaining the requirements of the Mongolian market, with a view to better meeting its demands in future. The merchants taking part in it have taken with them a large and varied assortment of goods.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Upon assuming this morning the Chief Justice heard the case in which eight natives were charged with robbery with violence on the 18th ult. The Attorney General prosecuted, and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., (instructed by Mr. D. Piper, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) defended the prisoners, who pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was sworn: Messrs. H. S. Holmes (foreman), E. D. Haskell, W. E. Claret, A. J. Godwin, A. E. Alves, J. W. Stewart, and R. G. Heckford. It was alleged that on the 18th July last the prisoners and about 40 other persons, armed with various weapons, got on board of a boat conveying passengers to the steam launch *Lee Fat*, which runs between various villages of the Colony, and assaulted two Chinese; broke the craft and got away with \$40 in cash.

The prisoners were discharged. The Court adjourned sine die.

WATER POLO.

At the V. R. C.'s compound yesterday afternoon a tough and interesting match was played between teams representing the Y. M. C. A. and the Lusitano Club in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. From the beginning to the half-time the Lusitano played a good game, and just before the whistle blew the ball was sent full pitch into the Y. M. C. A. goal. At the beginning of the second half the Y. M. C. A. made several dangerous attempts and the leather ultimately found its way into the Lusitano's goal. The game ended in a draw—one all.

THE FOREIGN DRILLED TROOPS FOR KWANGSI.

In our issue of 13th inst. we printed a telegram from our Canton correspondent announcing the arrival there of German drilled troops for Kwangsi. The following clipping from the *N. C. D. News* will be read with interest:—"The members of the Hupeh contingent, called the Wuchien Brigade, sent to Kwangsi by Acting Governor Tuan Fang, upon the application of Viceroy Tsao to the Throne, are said to have all been excellently well-drilled in the German style and are entirely armed with magazine rifles. The Brigade numbers fully 4,000 men, and besides that body two batteries of quick-firing field pieces, or sixteen guns, have also been sent down with the Brigade to Kwangsi. The Hupeh contingent should prove a formidable force to the rebels there."

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Lightning*) 24th inst.
French (*Salazie*) 25th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 28th inst.
Australian (*Eastern*) 29th inst.
Indian (*Kumsang*) 31st inst.
Australian (*Chinglu*) 7th prox.

The *Apar Co's s.s. Lightning* from Calcutta left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

The C. C. S. Co's s.s. *Atholl* sailed from San Francisco for Hongkong via Japan ports on 18th inst.

The A. S. S. Co's s.s. *Nordkyn* left Singapore for this port via Manila on 18th inst., and is expected here on 26th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Hakata Maru* (Europe line) left Shanghai for this port on 17th inst., and is expected to arrive here on 20th inst.

The C. C. S. Co's s.s. *Lithian* from San Francisco, on 29th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and sails for Hongkong via Moji, to-morrow morning.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Athenian* arrived at Nagasaki at 7.30 a.m. on 18th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day, for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on 20th inst.

The P. M. S. Co's s.s. *Nippon Maru*, with mails etc., from San Francisco to the 31st ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port via Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, to-morrow morning.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Russian Black Sea Squadron.

London, 17th August.
It was a St. Petersburg official messenger who reported on Saturday that the Russian Ambassador at Constantinople had received a telegram from Sebastopol, stating that a squadron of the Russian Black Sea fleet had been ordered to Turkish waters; consequently, though so far no other information has been received, and in spite of the explanation of the report given at Constantinople, the news appears to be indubitable, and is so regarded in Vienna, though surprise is expressed that Austria was not notified.

LATER.

A Russian squadron of four battleships four T.B.D.'s six torpedo boats, and transports has sailed for Turkish waters.

The Balkans.

The Austrian Agent has expressed his anxiety to the Bulgarian Premier concerning the possible results of the publication of the memorandum to the Powers, which is calculated to dangerously excite the population of Bulgaria.

The Panama Canal Treaty.

The Colombian Senate has rejected the Panama Canal treaty with the United States.

More Turkish Troops Called Out.

The Porte has called out 52 fresh battalions in consequence of the extension of the insurrection movement.

(Cablegrams.)

Philippine Finances.

Washington, 14th August.
President Roosevelt has decided to call a special session of Congress in October. The main matter to be considered at the special session will be the finances of the Philippines. Already a special session had been set for November which was planned to be largely taken up with the subject of the Canal Treaty. It is considered here that Philippine finances need legislation.

THE FRENCH POST OFFICE

AT CANTON.

According to the *Courier d'Haiphong* the few post offices already created in China have given results far surpassing the most optimistic predictions. At Canton, for instance, the French Administration of Posts has created five offices, the returns of which give the following figures for the first quarter of this year:—

Bags received.....	800
" dispatched.....	2,600
" in transit.....	1,600
Postal parcels for dispatch.....	1,100
" received.....	150
Postal dispatches sent off.....	620
" received.....	200
" in transit.....	400

The sale of stamps brought in \$4,000 for the months of January, February, and March only; this was more than \$10,000 above the receipts for the corresponding period last year.

A supplementary office has been recently opened at the Pichon School; its working is being well received by the Chinese merchants to whom it renders numerous services.

Other French offices for postal business have been opened in the following cities:—

Hang-Yuen.	Port-Hayard.
Yunnan-sen-Look-y, B.	Pointe-Nivet.
Tong-hin.	Tai ping.
Tchong-hin.	Po-tan.
McGillie-Look-y, A.	Tché-kam.
Lun-chou.	
Pak-hoi.	
Hoi-hoi.	

RE-FLOATING THE S.S. "TOKIN."

On the 9th inst at Merrim, work of re-floating the M. M. steamer *Tokin* was commenced. The available pumping machinery of the steamer was brought into use in the after holds, and the Kawasaki Dockyard Company fitted powerful pumping apparatus in the fore-hold, which commenced working at about 11 a.m. Altogether there was 18 feet of water in the holds—about 3,000 tons, and this was pumped out at the rate of 500 tons an hour. After working at her some six hours the steamer was dry, and was floated without a hitch. With the Kawasaki *Mitsui* and *Mitsui* in attendance, the *Tokin* steamed up in one of the buoys in the harbour and was made fast. The fact of her being able to do this after the engines had been under water three days, proves not only that they are undamaged but that they must be remarkably good engines. Indeed the whole vessel is of exceptional strength and there appears to be no damage done to the plates even where the fire raked most furiously. This is saying a good deal as a portion of one of the thick iron cables melted under the intense heat. While at her present mooring the *Tokin* will be subjected to a most searching examination, says *Kobe Herald*, and if this confirms the present opinion that no damage is done to the hull, then the Kawasaki Dockyard is to have the job of doing the rough repairs. The more delicate fixings will be done at the company's own docks near Marseilles.

APPROXIMATING THE DAMAGE.

The *Kobe Chronicle* learns from an authoritative source that the damage done to the vessel alone will amount to \$500,000, although an examination may considerably increase this figure. With regard to the cargo no approximate estimate of the damage done in this direction can be obtained as yet. It is not improbable that after a thorough examination the damage done to the vessel and cargo will be found to be not far short of a million yen.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

PLAGUE-INFECTED FOWLS IN THE WESTERN MARKET OF HONGKONG.

It is with much satisfaction we see that the Hongkong medical authorities are following up the conclusions arrived at by Professor Simpson as a result of his experiments and investigations into the causes of plague in Hongkong, and that ample confirmation of these views is being obtained. The experiments demonstrated that pigs, calves, sheep, hens, ducks, geese, turkeys and pigeons were, in addition to rats, susceptible to plague, and particularly so when fed with plague material, and it was pointed out that the markets would require to be watched and precautionary measures taken with reference to infected food supplies. At a recent meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. Atkinson, the Principal Civil Medical Officer of Hongkong, as President of the Board, referred to the discovery of plague-infected fowls in the Western Market. It appears that on May 31st one fowl was sent from the Western Market to the Public Mortuary, and on examination by the bacteriologist it was found to have died of plague. On June 1st a duck was sent and was also found to have died of plague. On June 2nd four ducks from the same market and one chicken were reported to have died of plague, and on June 3rd a quail was found to have died of plague. There are important facts in connection with the relationship of the food supply and plague. As pointed out by Dr. Atkinson, it is the custom for many of the Chinese to eat the entrails of fowls uncooked. They take the entrails as a sort of relish with their rice. Although this statement was not permitted to pass unchallenged by one of the Chinese members of the Sanitary Board, yet it is known that the Chinese eat fowls only half cooked, preferring them in this condition to those that are well cooked. Under these circumstances the danger of eating plague-infected poultry, which is no doubt sold cheap to the poorer classes, is evidently a real one. Attention was drawn to this market by the death from plague of one of the stall-keepers ten days previous to the examination of the first fowl. During the subsequent cleansing of the market, 99 rats were caught, of which seven were proved to be infected with plague.

The inoculation theory of the plague has become so fixed in the minds of the profession that it has overshadowed every other. The readiness with which animal contract the disease by inoculation, and man by *pu* or *mosquito* wounds, though strong evidence in favour of inoculation being one of the methods by which man becomes infected, by no means excludes other methods nor does it prove, as has been asserted, that it is even the principal channel of infection. No disease can be produced more easily in men by inoculation than small-pox, yet there are few who would attribute the chief entrance of the virus into those attacked in an epidemic to accidental inoculation of the skin and infection through a wound or abrasion. This mode of infection takes its place among the others, but it does not hold a prominent position, and it certainly does not as in plague, nearly displace all others. The experience in Hongkong of plague-infected poultry being found in the markets is suggestive of a source of infection which with the prevailing ideas is apt to be overlooked. We trust that the Hongkong markets will not be the only ones inspected for plague-infected animals, but that wherever plague exists in epidemic form the food supply will be particularly examined as a possible source of infection. We would commend the research especially to the Indian authorities, to whom it should be of special interest.

The comparative ease with which the animals and birds experimented on in Hongkong took the infection by the mouth and alimentary canal raises the question whether plague is not more frequently acquired by swallowing infected food, solid or liquid, than has hitherto been thought to be the case. When it is found that such differently constituted animals as monkeys, pigs, calves, sheep, rats, hens, ducks, geese, and pigeons contract plague by feeding on food which has previously been infected, it is difficult to suppose, though it is possible, that man is not likely to be infected in the same way. The monkey is the nearest approach to man of the animals experimented on, and plague-infected food certainly gives plague to the monkey. The plague is of a septicaemic type, and there is no particular enlargement of the glands of the neck. The warning that precautions should be taken to prevent the bringing into the market, or sale, of infected food is not an unnecessary one, and the general warning that care should be taken in the storage and cooking of food during a plague epidemic is also very important, for the fact that the plague-infected rat plays in the spread of disease to man is not unlikely to be due, in many instances at least, to the infection of food-stuffs, solid and liquid, the excretion of the intestinal contents, urine, and mucus of the mouth of infected rats showing plague bacilli in a certain proportion.

The information gained at Hongkong accentuates the fact that plague is not a disease confined to man. The infective material from man is liable, if eaten by rats or other animals, to give them plague, and they in their turn are likely to spread it among the animals and poultry of the farm-yard or house-yard in which they are kept, and again pass it on to man. The rat has relations both with man's house and with the premises on which the animals mentioned are kept. To both it is attracted by food, and should infective material be in either place, its susceptibility to plague by feeding on infective material, from whatever source derived, is likely to favour its chance of being attacked with plague, and when attacked it generally carries the disease elsewhere.

Another important point in connection with this subject is that, after feeding with plague,

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material, not infrequently a considerable period elapses before the animals show any signs of illness. In the case of pigs it is sometimes over a month, and it appears to be occasionally the same in regard to sheep, calves, turkeys, ducks and geese. Though there is no visible sign of illness, yet, if the animal's temperature is taken, its temperature is high and its system will be observed to be out of order. Where marked symptoms do set in they lead to a fatal result very quickly. The ill-defined symptoms and the chronic nature of this form of the disease renders it difficult of recognition, and no doubt contributes to the endemicity of the disease.—*Journal of Tropical Medicine.*

TIENTSIN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tientsin, August 4th.
We are into the thick of the hot fires, and they are proving quite up to the mark. Little or no rain this year as yet, and no storms locally though they have been experienced at Peitaiho. Of the terrible storm and cloud-burst at Chuefoo you will have already heard. Peitaiho appears to be enjoying a popularity this year which it has never had before. A very primitive hotel built of old German barrack rooms on the beach has been well patronised by those who have no houses, though it is of necessity only a sort of picnic makeshift this season. Next year a really decent place will be put up, and will be much patronised as a hotel if dearer saves trouble, and those who go away for a holiday naturally prefer this. Nothing is in full swing all the time, and the bathers spend a couple of hours in the water at a time, and not infrequently go in two and three times a day. This is not always wise, but depends on individual constitutions. Sir Robert Hart is there for the season; the second time the veteran commissi-sioner has been to our watering-place.

Little has been doing in political circle, and all expectation of war has suddenly faded out. It seems to be taken for granted that Japan has now nothing left but to subside into a back seat; but I shall be much surprised if we find her quietly doing that. She is probably both puzzled and annoyed at England's indifference to her position, and British officers here have an uncomfortable suspicion that England has not exactly played the game with Japan. However, the game is not finished yet. The present calm is probably only an 'interval,' as Japanese papers say, those who are most bent on fighting are the most quiet over it, a remark which applies to herself. You scan the Japanese papers day after day and will see no mention of stones, movements of troops, ammunition and the like; nor do writers living there seem to hear anything of all these things, which was precisely the same before the China-Japan War. The little people have as great a knack of keeping their own affairs secret as they have of finding out those of other people, and it is a great gift.

In Peking the only excitement lies in the anti-reformer crusade, the Dowager and her clique seeing in every foreign educated or slightly progressive man a 'dangerous' opponent to the Throne. The ghastly cruelty of the murder of Mr. Shen Kai chun, the unlucky journalist arrested some two weeks ago, has startled the Diplomatic Body, and possibly the Legation ladies and made them realize for a moment at least what a barbaric Power China really is, while they are hanging enraptured round her court as if it were an honour rather than a humiliation to attend it. Though executions on this slow torture line are of frequent occurrence, and the knowledge that barbarous cruelties are practiced is universal, when the case of a man like Mr. Shen comes before us, and for absolutely no fault we read that he was done to death by eight coolies with bamboos, in a manner to which we should not condemn a mad dog, the blood boils with a superlative indignation not only against the people who do this thing, but the Governments who condone it by treating China as a legal equal. There is only one consolation in the martyrdom of Mr. Shen, and that is that it may save the lives of the six journalists arrested in Shanghai. A howl of indignation will spread throughout Christendom, if in the face of such a tale of cold-blooded brutality the representatives of the humane Powers of the Earth deliberately hand over these other men under the fictitious plea that they are Chinese subjects and must abide by Chinese law! The stir already created in foreign circles by the tragedy of Fridly last, and the knowledge of foreign correspondents have wired the horrible deed, the Westerns, has probably had the effect of releasing a Mr. Yang To, one of the graduates at the recent examination who was arrested on Sunday on the charge of having used some 'suspicious' characters in his essay.

BRITISH SHIPPING IN THE FOREIGN COASTING TRADE.

In the House of Commons on 20th ult., Sir C. McLaren asked the President of the Board of Trade whether his attention had been called in view of a war of tariffs with foreign countries, to the possibility of the exclusion of British coasters and tramp vessels from the coasting trade of foreign countries; and whether he will cause full inquiries to be made of every shipbuilding firm in Great Britain as to the effect upon our shipbuilding industry of such exclusion.

Mr. G. Balfour replied that the interests of British shipping engaged in the foreign coasting trade would not be first sight of. He did not think the inquiry suggested would throw much additional light upon the subject.

H.E. TSEN Chun Huen, the Viceroy, wired recently to the Reorganization Department at Canton to send him a large quantity of such articles as hooks and spades. It is not probable the Viceroy intends to build forts, thus forming a continuous line of defence.

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PROGRESS AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

The Colonial Office on 18th ult. issued Commissioner Lockhart's report on the dependency of Wei-Hai-Wei for the year 1902. Trade prospects, he says, have been much improved during the past year. The opinions expressed have been either very optimistic or unduly pessimistic, but the facts of the case do not seem to justify the holding of either extreme view. While, on the one hand, the situation of Wei-Hai-Wei does not seem to warrant the anticipation that it will become a second Hongkong, on the other hand it possesses potentialities which, if fostered, ought to entitle it to rank higher than that of a second-class watering-place. Taking all things into consideration, concludes the Commissioner, I think the progress made during the past year may be regarded as satisfactory. There can be no doubt that the various changes in the administration of this dependency, and the uncertainty that existed in the mind of the public as to the policy of the Imperial Government regarding Wei-hai-wei, have tended to impede the development of this place, but now that the administration is more settled, and the public is beginning to realise that every encouragement will be given to trade, it is hoped that in the future commercial enterprise will show increased activity.

"A NEW WATERING-PLACE."

The *Manchester Guardian* thinks the report is an amusing commentary on the Far Eastern policy of the Government. Five short years ago, when the place was occupied, it was credited with vast strategic importance, Lord Salisbury declared that the hoisting of the British flag at this port "has a tendency to strengthen China against despair and to give her courage, if the occasion should arise, to stand up against her enemies." The mere presence of a British garrison at Weihaiwei was to put the Russians at Port Arthur on their best behaviour and check any aggressive designs on the part of the Russian Government. Mr. Balfour, in his desire to lay stress on the military value of this new dependency, went out of his way to deny that it had any other merits. "If any British subject," he said scornfully, "is foolish enough to go to Wei-hai-wei for commercial purposes, he will have every facility." Five years have shown that the late Premier and his successor were equally mistaken in their forecast of the future. It is now admitted that Wei-hai-wei is not worth fortifying as a naval base; it is obvious that our presence there has not encouraged China to oppose Russia in demands in Manchuria and elsewhere. In fact the sole claims of Wei-hai-wei to distinction are, in the opinion of its administrator, its healthy climate and its excellent harbour. The official report reads like the advertisement of a new watering-place, with its copious meteorological tables and its references to the "picturesque walk" on the adjacent hills and the numerous "excellent sites all around the harbour for houses." Mr. Balfour cannot claim to have established a new Gibraltar at Wei-hai-wei, but he may be revered in the future as the founder of a Chinese Blackpool.

MR. C. A. POLLARD AND PAUL KRUGER.

Mr. C. A. Pollard, who is now in Hongkong with his Comedy Company, had an interesting experience in South Africa, as recorded in the following lines, which we take from a Vancouver exchange:—

When the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Co. was playing in the president's theatre, in Pretoria, South Africa, in 1898, Com Paul Kruger, president of the Transvaal, was a visitor to the theatre and occupied a stage box on several occasions. Twice he and Frau Kruger entertained the children at their home with sweets of Boer manufacture. Com Paul has several sons, and one of them, Charles Kruger, was a constant attendant at the theatre. He always carried a malacca cane which was bound with three circles of silver taken from the Transvaal mine, and which has his initials, "C.K.," engraved on the upper band. The head of the stick was made of a two-shilling piece, on which was inscribed, "Zuid Afrika Repub., 1892." Then came a star, and on the bottom was the inscription, "Two Shillings." In the centre of the piece was the coat of arms of the republic with three quarters. In the upper left hand quarter was a lion, typical of the ruling monarch of the country when the Boers arrived in it from Holland. The opposite quarter showed a Boer standing with his rifle in his left hand. The garb indicated the figure was intended to represent one of the pioneers. Between the two was an anchor, typical of hope. Below was a Boer firm wagon on the summit of a kopje. The vehicle is symbolic of agriculture. When Charles Kruger left the theatre one evening, in the box was found the malacca stick given him by his father. It was turned over to Mr. C. A. Pollard for safe keeping. The next day Mr. Pollard met Mr. Kruger on the street and said: "I have your cane." "Keep it as a souvenir," replied Mr. Kruger. The son of the president of the republic called Mr. Pollard's attention to the fact that as long as he carried the cane he was armed. At the same time, pulling the stick apart he showed the wooden sheath contained a blade three feet long and with the point of a rapier. The blade, itself is etched in blue, and the design is that of an old Greek vase, between the leaves of which is burnished gold. Two years ago in Sydney, Mr. Pollard had occasion to thank his lucky star he was carrying the Kruger stick. He was coming from the theatre with little Daphne Pollard, who has made such a hit in this country, when a mad dog, rushing down the street, snapped at the little girl. Mr. Pollard struck at the fringed animal, and in doing so the rapier blade was released. The second thrust pinned the dog through the body to a pier, where it was held until, despatched by a bullet from the revolver of a policeman, Mr. Pollard values the case beyond price, and it is his constant companion.

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For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 1, Des Vieux Road Central.

TARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1903.

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

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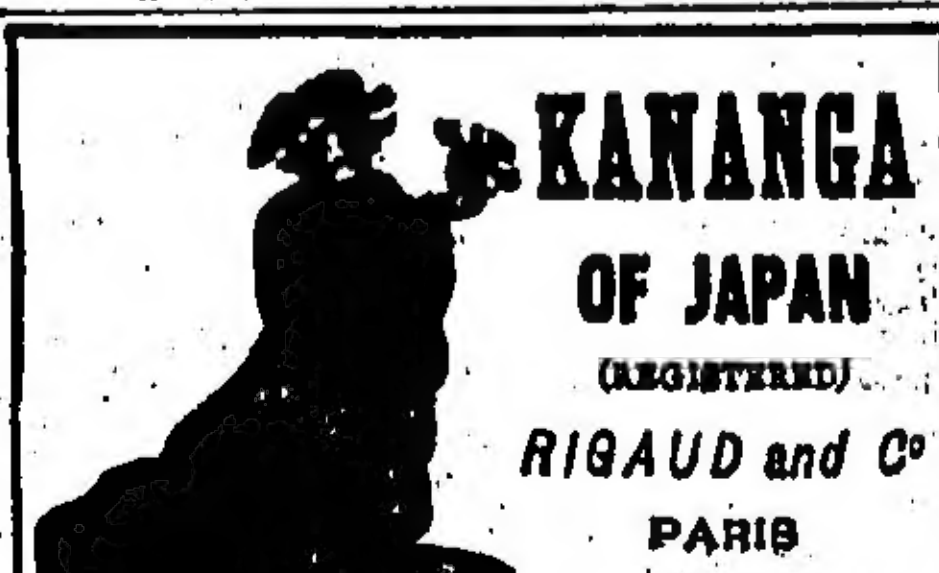
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Hongkong, 18th August, 1903.

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THE Company's Steamship

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Captain M. Courtney, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 25th inst. at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1903.

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1903.

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THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1904.

Intimation.

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THE leading English Newspaper in China

Also widely circulated in Japan, Cochin China, Ceylon, India and the Far East generally.

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STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED

FROM THE HONGKONG
OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:—

A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the Eastward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)

A BALL indicates a typhoon to the Westward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)

A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)

A CONE Point Downwards indicates a typhoon to the Southward of the Colony, (i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at:—

Joint Cable Companies' Office.

Ferry Company's Pier, Ice House Street.

Blake Pier.

Post Office.

Harbour Office.

Office of the Wharf & Godown Company,

Kowloon.

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August 19th.